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*Summary 1 Sept '56*

CASE NAME: Fall AMEKDOTE

AGENT NAME: Fritz KOELLNER (Dr.) ("KOBER")

GIS C/O: Erich KUTSCHKE 1 ("KUTZBACH")  
Headquarters C/O

CIA C/O: ☐ ☒ Same used vis-a-vis GIS unknown

OPPOSITION C/O: Unknown

OPPOSITION SERVICE: StB

OPPOSITION TARGET: Unspecified but believed by the GIS to be political and economic targets in West Germany and also information on the extent of American control of the West German economy.

OPPOSITION CONTACT: Personnel meeting in Vienna 18 Feb 56. KOBER was not met. KOBER was given a cover address in Prague to which he wrote on instructions from the GIS. GIS/StB reply postmarked Frankfurt am Main, setting up a meeting for 8 May in Vienna. We have received no information as to the outcome.

GIS CONTACT: Debriefings conducted at GIS Sauro Bavaria.

SUMMARY: KOBER is 52 years old, born in Karlsbad, Sudeten-German and an economist by profession. He was a member of the NSDAP, active in the interest of the Sudeten-Germans and was an early and very active member of the Heintlein Party. Under the German Protectorate Government in Czechoslovakia, he held the post of Federal Labor Administrator for the Sudetenland. After the war KOBER was imprisoned by the Czech Government. He stated that in May or June 1953, he was taken to StB Headquarters where he was asked to act as an informant among the prisoners. KOBER allegedly refused on the basis that this type of activity was beneath his dignity, but he did accept other assignments from the StB, the nature of which are unknown to us at this time. It is believed that he was released from the Czech prison sometime in early October 1955. Upon his release from prison, he was taken to Prague where he underwent three months of political orientation; i.e., intelligence training for missions against the West German Government and U. S. targets (military installations and extent U. S. control and influence on the German economy). Upon his release from GDR, January 1956, KOBER informed the GIS of his StB recruitment and is presently cooperating with the GIS. This case is in the developmental stage and consideration is being given to the possibility of recruiting an outsider to handle KOBER, who considers himself a "hobes Tier".

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